York County Mental Health Court Referral Form

Date of referral:

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Referred by: **Solicitor** **Defense Attorney** **Probation/Parole Officer** **Other:**

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Name of person referring:

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Phone # of person referring:

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Email of person referring:

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Defendant's Name:

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Defendant’s Address:

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Defendant’s Phone #:

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Warrant #(s): _____

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Please attach copies of warrant(s).

Is there evidence that the Defendant has a severe mental illness? Yes
No

If yes, please describe:

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Is the Defendant currently on Probation or Parole? Yes No

Is the Defendant currently In Jail? Yes No

Is the Solicitor aware of this referral? Yes No

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Please complete and return to:
Aimee.Sykes@yorkcountygov.com
Mental Health Court Program
1675 1-C York Highway
York, SC 29745
Office 803-818-6624
Fax 803-628-3116

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Eligibility Criteria – York County

A defendant must meet <u>ALL</u> of the following eligibility requirements in order to apply to the Mental Health Court Program.

1. The defendant must be 18 years of age or older.
2. The defendant must be a resident of York County.
3. The defendant must be diagnosed with a severe and persistent mental illness, which was the motivating factor in the defendant's current involvement in the criminal justice system.

   Eligible Diagnoses include:
   - Schizophrenia
   - Schizoaffective Disorder
   - Bipolar Disorder
   - Major Depression with psychotic features
4. The defendant must be legally competent to participate and able to demonstrate the cognitive ability to understand the basic purpose of the Mental Health Court Program and the program's requirements for successful completion.
5. The defendant has not previously participated in a Mental Health Court Program in South Carolina.
6. In cases of co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorders, the mental illness must be the primary diagnosis.
7. The defendant must not have a history of violent charges, including sexual assault or stalking.
8. The defendant will not be considered if he/she has prior felony convictions involving a child victim.
9. The defendant must not have offenses of the nature described above pending in York County or before any other court.
10. The defendant must not be suffering from any condition that could prevent or restrict the person's active participation in the program.

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11. The defendant must have reliable transportation and housing.

12. This is a voluntary program. The participant must express a desire to participate in the program and must be willing to agree to the terms and conditions of participation as described in the Waivers and Agreement consent form and participant handbook.